

**SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY  
FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM  
NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Background**

The Sonoma County Water Agency's (Agency) Board of Directors directed the Agency to develop a Fisheries Enhancement Program (FEP) for the tributaries of the Russian River watershed in 1995. The objectives of the Program are:

1. To work cooperatively and in conjunction with other federal, state, and local agencies to preserve, enhance, and restore fishery habitats and resources; and
2. to develop research programs to study the fisheries within the affected watersheds.

**Funding Opportunities**

To help meet the goals of this Program, grants are available through the FEP to organizations, working cooperatively with the Agency, for fisheries habitat enhancement projects within the Russian River watershed. Eligible applicants include individuals, community groups, schools, other non-profits, and local, state and federal agencies. The grants can fund simple projects such as organizing volunteer help to monitor and clean up streams, or can fund complex stream restoration work

Funding priority will be given to projects that focus directly on enhancement of salmonid populations and habitat and cooperative involvement with other groups or agencies.

Please include within each proposal:

- Applicant's name, address, phone number, and contact person;
- Location of the project, including a map showing project location;
- Description of the project;
- Environmental benefits anticipated from completion of the project;
- A detailed budget, including a list of products and services to be financed by the applicant and/or the Agency;
- Monitoring and maintenance responsibilities of applicant and/or the Agency; and
- A schedule for completion of the project.

All FEP grants must be approved by the Agency's Board of Directors for the following fiscal year. **Application deadline is 5:00 pm, April 18, 2003.** Contingency funds may be available for smaller projects that are developed after the approval of the annual Fisheries Enhancement Program, which generally occurs in July of each year. After approval of funding and prior to disbursement of any funds, the applicant will be required to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Agency. Sample cooperative agreements are available upon request.

Completed proposals and further questions should be directed to:

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